

**Jail Population Management Subcommittee**  
**of the**  
**Sanford “Sandy” Krasnoff Criminal Justice Council**

MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, May 23, 2017

1:30pm – 3:00pm

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| I.   | Opening                                      | Commissioner Calvin Johnson |
| II.  | Message from the MacArthur Foundation        | Laurie Garduque             |
| III. | Outstanding Items                            | Commissioner Calvin Johnson |
|      | a. Resolution on Racial & Ethnic Disparities |                             |
|      | b. Physical space for P&P                    |                             |
|      | c. 10 Day-Detention Hearings                 |                             |
| IV.  | Data on Jail Population Increase             | Sarah Schirmer              |
| V.   | Pre-Trial Strategy Updates                   | Sarah Schirmer              |

## **Criminal Justice Council Jail Population Management Subcommittee Minutes**

**May 23, 2017**

On May 23, the Jail Population Management Subcommittee of the Criminal Justice Council convened at 1:42 pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Press Room in City Hall. The following persons were present/absent:

### **Jail Population Management Subcommittee Members**

#### **Present:**

Criminal Justice Commissioner Calvin Johnson – Subcommittee Chair  
Jonathan Wisbey, Chief Administrative Office  
Lydia Glapion-Days, Clerk of Court's Office  
Chris Bowman, District Attorney's Office  
Deputy Chief Paul Noel, New Orleans Police Department  
Deputy Stewart, Orleans Parish Sherriff's Office  
Councilmember Susan Guidry

#### **Arrived Later:**

Chief Defender Derwyn Bunton, Orleans Public Defenders  
Nia Weeks, Community Representative

#### **Absent:**

Judge Camille Buras, Criminal District Court  
District Administrator Steve Lassalle, Probation & Parole  
Chief Deputy City Attorney Charlene Larche-Mason  
Judge Harry Cantrell, Criminal District Court

### **Office of Criminal Justice Coordination Staff**

#### **Present:**

Sarah Schirmer  
Sai Ramchander  
Amanda Simpkins

#### **I. Opening**

Commissioner Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:42 pm. Commissioner Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced Laurie Garduque, Program Director for Justice Reform at the MacArthur Foundation.

#### **II. Message from the MacArthur Foundation**

Laurie Garduque provided some history on the MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge, which focuses on the front end of the criminal justice system and the misuse and overuse of jails as a major driver of incarceration. They received 191 applications. The foundation provided funding to go through a strategic planning process, followed by a more competitive process for implementation funding. New Orleans was one of 10 jurisdictions selected. The plan was ambitious in scope, so the New Orleans working group had to drill down on how to use resources most effectively and efficiently. Even though the strategies are now manageable, it seems to MacArthur that progress has stalled. Laurie Garduque expressed concern over the progress made but with a focus on problem-solving. They would like to offer additional support to move the process into more concrete action. They would like to see more outcomes.

Derwyn Bunton arrived at 1:56

Laurie Garduque answered questions about mental health assistance and the jail expansion. She discussed how MacArthur could provide support in thinking about those questions but reiterated that MacArthur prides itself on allowing jurisdictions to be self-determining.

### **III. Outstanding Items**

#### **a. 10 Day-Detention Hearings**

Commissioner Johnson asked Deputy Stewart to comment on the 10-day Detention Hearings Pilot.

Deputy Stewart discussed the pilot since its launch on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup>. She commented that the number of probationers OPSO is holding has decreased, and the main people there are now parolees. Deputy Stewart is currently putting capias arrests on the docket herself in Section H instead of the court. If successful, the program could expand to other sections.

Commissioner Johnson briefly introduced the ROR Pilot in Commissioner Friedman's section that launched on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **b. Resolution on Racial & Ethnic Disparities**

Commissioner Johnson introduced the resolution on racial and ethnic disparities that was suggested in the last meeting.

Sarah Schirmer outlined that the purpose of the resolution is to express the intent and wishes of the Subcommittee that a racial lens be taken into consideration in the development of the pre-booking deflection program. The resolution is not intended to be prescriptive.

Susan Guidry motioned to approve the resolution. Deputy Chief Noel seconded.

All in favor – no nays – no abstentions

The resolution passed.

#### **c. Physical space for P&P**

No discussion.

### **IV. Data on Jail Population Increase**

Sarah Schirmer provided data analysis to summarize jail-related trends this quarter. Overall there was a 4% increase, which is the first time in three years that the population increased over four consecutive months. The population has shifted; there's a higher number of misdemeanor pretrial and probation and parole violators. Arrests have increased as well, and the most common arrests have a non-violent designation. Bookings are now exceeding releases. Overall length of stay has decreased.

Nia Weeks arrived at 2:21.

There was some discussion among the Subcommittee members about the data presented.

### **V. Pre-Trial Strategy Updates**

Sarah Schirmer announced the signing of an MOU with the Arnold Foundation to implement the Public Safety Assessment Model.

The meeting concluded at 3:02 pm.